

Guatemala Hospital Acute Febrile Illness Study

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Dr. Marin Giovanni Ortega Mendez, Executive Director, Western Regional Hospital, Quetzaltenango, Guatemala: In collaboration with CDC, VICO IP and Del Valle University an infections program is under development of fever for diagnostic.

Emily Zielinski Gutierrez, DrPH, Director, CDC Central America Region: Acute febrile illness is a fancy way of referring to people who have a fever and feel really sick, often will go seek medical care. They may not receive a very definitive diagnosis. This is because there may not be great diagnostic resources and, in many cases, can lead to hospitalization and lead to death.

The idea of looking at this classic set of symptoms that the person might present with at a health facility if you start building on this, then I start having a much more complete picture about what's happening in health facilities around the country.

Ortega Mendez: For us in the public administration, it is very important to have data.

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